

Team 3 - DMC Committee Minutes

February 15, 2005

In attendance: LeeAnn Pancharoen, Corey Steel, Linda Alm, Sandy Thompson HHS, Sergeant Tim Kennett, Pat Sailors, Sheli Schindler, Petra Smith, Claudia Escanoon, Dennis Banks, Melissa Beecher

I. Statistics

- Melissa provided us with stats. The committee decided read and evaluate the stats and postponed recommendations until the next meeting.
- The stats show a higher incidence of minority youth being repeatedly detained within 3 months and 1 year for violations of Probation and Parole.
- More minority youth are being detained for Probation violations.
- The Project Safe Neighborhood grant impacted the Youth Services Center on Friday evenings, as Probation and LPD Officers went into Probationers homes and found youth in violation of Probation.
- Team members had several questions: Is it a response to minority youth? Are police "harder" on minority youth? What are the violations? Are mental health issues impacting Probation violations? How many youth have documented mental health issues? Do the youth and families understand the terms and conditions of their release and the consequences if they violate those conditions?
- Judge Thorson and Corey Steel are addressing youth that fail to appear by contacting them. So far Corey is being successful in his attempts to contact parents.
- After much more discussion the team determined that we should get UNL to track and do case studies for 3 - 4 years.

II. Parenting Class Curriculum

- LACD has a parenting class curriculum.

III. Summary

- We discussed the "Guide to Juvenile Court for Parents and Children" pamphlet. Many committee members had not seen it.
- Discussed points of contact with parents, where this pamphlet could be provided and discussed mailing it to parents with court information or through the Community Resource Center.

- The group suggested that a one page who do I call and FAQ document would be helpful to parents with youth in the juvenile justice system.
- The group suggested that we get schools, resource officers, cultural centers, head start programs, CLC and the Public Defenders office to have a representative on this committee.
- Melissa is going to the next Cultural Center meeting to discuss what we are working on as well as share DMC statistics with them. She will ask for volunteers to serve on the DMC committee.
- The Title V DMC grants are due in April.
- The committee members determined that at the next meeting we will prioritize what information we want, where and how to get it to parents.
- The committee will also create an action plan and steps to fulfill the action plan.
- All committee members are asked to read the stats that Melissa provided today, to determine if we need additional information.
- The next DMC meeting will be March 15th, 2005 at 9:30